

CHARTER FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

A. The Committee's Official Designation

The official designation of the advisory committee will be the "North American Numbering Council" (NANC or Council).

B. The Committee's Objectives and Scope of its Activity

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) and to make recommendations, reached through consensus, that foster efficient and impartial North American Numbering Plan (NANP) administration. The Council will advise the Commission on numbering policy and technical issues, initially resolve disputes as directed by the Commission, and provide guidance to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA), and the Pooling Administrator (PA) as directed by the Commission.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Council shall assure that NANP administration supports the following policy objectives: (1) that the NANP facilitates entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient, timely basis to communications service providers; (2) that the NANP does not unduly favor or disfavor any particular industry segment or group of consumers; (3) that the NANP does not unduly favor one technology over another; (4) that the NANP gives consumers easy access to the public switched telephone network; and (5) that the NANP ensures that the interests of all NANP member countries are addressed fairly and efficiently, fostering continued integration of the NANP across NANP member countries.

C. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out its Purposes

The Commission will review the accomplishments and activities of the Council to determine whether, after two years, this charter should again be renewed and the Council should continue as a Federal Advisory Committee.

D. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Council will report to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission.

E. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Commission will provide the necessary staff support for the Council and the facilities needed to conduct meetings. If the Commission does not have meeting facilities available, private sector members will provide facilities. Private sector members of the Council will serve without any government compensation and will not be entitled to travel expenses or per diem subsistence allowances.

- F. Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible
The general duties of the Council are to gather and discuss information necessary to develop recommendations to the Commission related to the attainment of the objectives stated under (B). Under the direction of the Commission, the Council will provide oversight of matters relating to numbering administration, including the development of industry guidelines. Specific duties will include developing and recommending technical requirements for the selection of neutral third-party numbering administrators (e.g., NANPA, LNPA). To aid the Commission in its oversight responsibilities, the Council will also prepare periodic and final reports for the Commission.
- G. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years
The estimated Commission staff dedicated to the Council is the equivalent of 2.0 full time employees. The estimated annual cost to the Commission of operating the Committee is \$238,000. The Commission will not pay for private sector staff.
- H. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings
We expect that there will be no more than six Council meetings per year.
- I. Charter's Termination Date
This charter will terminate on September 27, 2007, prior to which the Commission may seek its renewal.
- J. Date Original Charter Filed
October 5, 1995.